

# Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1886.

## HOME NEWS.

### ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAIN PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:

MAIL.

Going South: 8:40 A. M. and 8:30 P. M.

Going North: 8:40 A. M. and 6:15 P. M.

Persons not subscribers who may at any time receive copies of the Free Press, will please understand that they are sent simply as samples, in the hope that the parties addressed may like it well enough to favor us with their subscriptions.

Two Copies for \$3.50.

Inasmuch as many persons desire to send copies abroad, and by way of encouragement to do so, we offer two copies of the Free Press at \$3.50—cash in advance.

Boarders wanted at Mrs. Heninger's.

Fine lot of cutlery at McCallister's.

See important "pointers" of new business firms in our advertising columns.

CROP MORTGAGES at the FREE PRESS Office.

Our general Clubbing List again appears on our last page.

Now is the time to get your photos taken at Howell's. 6 for \$1.

If you want to reach the country merchants, advertise in the FREE PRESS.

Hams, breakfast bacon at B. F. BLOUNT & CO.'s.

Varnishes and colors in oil.

Car Standard cultivators and Newton wagons just in at Wm. GIBSON'S.

Strictly pure white lead and guaranteed lined oil.

Now is the time to secure bargains in clothing at JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Carload fine Irish potatoes, for seed, just received at McCallister's.

We sell Ho No Tea.

B. F. BLOUNT & CO.

See Taylor & Jackson before buying seed potatoes.

Carload Royal and No. 1 flour just received.

B. F. BLOUNT & CO.

"LANDRETH'S SEEDS"

Stamped 1886, at RAYMOND & DANIEL.

Still going on—the clearing out sale of Men's, Boys and Yonthe clothing at New York cut at JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Twenty-five acres of land to rent or sell.

A. B. CHENOWETH, Martindale, Tex.

Just received, a fresh lot of Thurber's goods, such as Thurber's Bird Seeds, Thurber's best Teas, etc. TAYLOR & JACKSON.

We are in receipt of our spring stock, comprising a full line of calicoes, gingham, lawns, etc. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

PEAS & BEANS.

Varities best adapted to our soil and climate. "Landreth's"

RAYMOND & DANIEL.

Remember that we are still selling groceries lower than any house in town.

B. F. BLOUNT & CO.

Now is the time for making your plant beds. "Landreth's" Cabbage and Tomato seeds at RAYMOND & DANIEL.

If you want to reach the intelligent reading class of farmers, advertise in the FREE PRESS.

We guarantee every can of Dr. Hughes' Yeast Powders to be equal to the best, and will satisfy any one of its freedom from poisonous drugs. TAYLOR & JACKSON.

## STANDARD CULTIVATORS.

With or without Planters for sale by G. W. DONALDSON & CO.

For Garden Seeds, Paints, Window glass, Perfumes, Toilet articles and Soap—Fresh Drugs, Miscellaneous Literature and School Books, go to RAYMOND & DANIEL.

Notice.

Having sold our Bee Keepers' Supply business to A. C. Mosher, we take pleasure in recommending him to our former patrons and to thank them for past favors.

J. M. KILLGORE & Co.

San Marcos, Feb. 8th, 1886.

## REAL ESTATE LOANS.

R. L. Brown, 122 West Pecan Street (or box 583), Austin. Established 1883. Real Estate loans of any amount from \$1000 to \$100,000. No delay for references. Period to suit, favorable terms and lowest rates current.

## Important Notice.

Parties having lands or small farms for sale would do well to consult or address the undersigned on or before the first of March, 1886.

D. MacNACHTON, Jr.

Box 79, Kyle, Texas.

## Notice.

The firm heretofore existing under the name of James Taylor, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, and said James Taylor retiring, and is succeeded by Geo. Briggs, who is responsible for all liabilities at maturity, and all debts due the old firm are now due Geo. Briggs, successor.

JAMES TAYLOR, GEO. BRIGGS.

## Cheap-Enough Town Property.

Rev. Mr. Carnahan writes us that for a special reason, if he can sell soon, he will take \$840 for his property in this place, one-half down, balance in one year, with ten per cent. interest. There are two lots fenced, comfortable cottage of three rooms, besides kitchen, an excellent garden, chicken and hydrant water, etc. We regard this as unusually cheap property of its class in San Marcos. Apply at FREE PRESS Office.

P. S.—If preferred, the lot having the house, etc., on it, will be sold separately. Price, \$600. Terms as above.

## Morris to the Front.

Our enterprising fellow-citizen, Mr. J. E. Morris, the blacksmith and wood-worker, is still in the field, and better equipped for service than ever before. He has the largest stock of wood and buggy material ever before seen in San Marcos. He has introduced a hand saw, planer, and is fitted up generally to do work by machinery. He has force of fine workmen in his employ, and can fill all orders promptly. Prices as low as at any other shop. He is manufacturing a new and improved corn and cotton planter, which must be "all the go." Still sells the celebrated Jackson saw.

## SAN MARCOS REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

A desirable business house and lot on the east side of the public square. First rate business location.

Also a choice lot in O'Connell's addition to the town in the valley just below the Chautauque Hill, adjacent to the proposed city park. Address the FREE PRESS. San Marcos, Texas.

## Commissioner's Court.

The Hon. Court met in regular session February 8th, when the following business was transacted:

Petition of Z. P. Bugg, C. Meiners and others for a third class road running from the Bugg line between Fourcurean and Bugg, southeasterly with the line of Chas. and Otto Meiner and J. S. Billingsley to a point in the San Marcos and Bastrop road.

Ordered that G. W. Donaldson, G. G. Johnson, J. V. Hutchins, J. V. Agee and W. R. Cummings be appointed a jury of survey to report at next meeting.

Application of Sterling Fisher for a change in the Furgatory road running via G. Laseverber. Granted and applicants required to make change and put road in good condition for the travelling public.

Report of Jas. Owen, J. A. Driskill, C. P. Black and Chas. H. Netherland to locate third class road. Recommended that said road be established, and Felix Driskill appointed overseer and J. A. Driskill required to open said road for the public.

Robt. Michael allowed for grading road per contract with Commissioner Lightfoot, \$20.00.

Feb 9th. Report of County Treasurer examined and approved.

## GENERAL FUND.

On hand at last report \$ 478.39.

Received since 907.13.

Total 1385.52.

Disbursed 1008.39.

Amount due Co. Treas. over paid 222.67.

## LUNATIC AND PAUPER FUND.

On hand at last report 477.00.

Received since 00.00.

Total 477.00.

Amount disbursed 184.24.

On hand due County 292.76.

## REPAIR FUND.

Amount on hand at last report 107.37.

Amount received 000.00.

Disbursed 261.62.

Amount due Co. Treas. over paid 154.25.

## ESTRAY FUND.

On hand and due Co. last report 192.32.

Received since 29.80.

Total 222.12.

Transferred to Gen'l Fund one year 103.09.

Amount on hand in treasury 89.03.

## COUNTY HOUSE AND JAIL FUND.

Amount on hand at last report 1206.12.

Received since and in Treas. 0000.00.

Paid out or disbursed 000.00.

## ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.

Amount on hand at last report 358.76.

Received since 00.00.

Amount dispersed 347.64.

Amount on hand due County 11.12.

H. E. Barber, tax collector presented his report of County occupation taxes for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1885. Approved.

Also report for State and County taxes for quarter ending December 31, 1885, which was approved.

Application of Jas. Shelton, S. G. Wilson, et al., petition for a second class road from the Southeast corner of E. P. Haigler Hm. tract of land, thence west on the dividing line between Haigler, Spann and Lock and Haigler, Kyser and Burleson and Kyser to the southeast corner of the Potter tract, thence between Potter and Corbin to the Travis Co. line, thence between J. B. Ratliff, W. L. Corbin and Corbin to the Haigler tract, thence north, Robt. Michael, Jas. Shelton and S. G. Wilson, be appointed a jury to survey and report at next meeting.

Feb. 10th. The following rates of taxation were adopted for 1886: 20 cents on \$100 ad valorem for county purposes. Occupation tax one half the amount of state tax on occupations. A County poll tax of 25 cents on all male citizens between 21 and 60 years of age for County purposes. A tax of 15 cents on the \$100 to pay interest and provide a sinking fund for the liquidation of court house and jail bonds. A tax 2 1/2 cents on the \$100 of real, personal and mixed property in Hays Co. for the repairing and building public buildings in Hays County. Also a tax of 2 1/2 cents on real, personal and mixed property for roads and bridges.

Petition of Jas. Shelton and others for a second class road beginning at the south-west corner of the Potter survey, and running west on the dividing line between the Haigler and Corbin line to the Travis County line. Granted and J. B. Ratliff et al., appointed to lay out same.

The public printing was awarded to L. H. Julia, Esq., publisher of the San Mar. Co. Free Press, his being the lowest bid therefor, he giving bond in the sum of \$500 for the performance of said contract.

Application of H. G. Williams for change in the Kyle and Blanco City road was granted upon condition that the County should be bound to the same condition by said Williams at his own expense the present route to remain open until said change is inspected by Geo. Schmitt.

Ordered that W. J. Good be granted leave to change the Blanco City and Kyle road and put said change in good condition for the travelling public at his own expense.

Feb. 11. L. Coffee, C. Trapp, Owen McKenna, Townsend and Caldwell and D. C. Goodwin, buyers, presented their reports which were examined and approved.

C. S. Cook, J. P. precinct No. 1, S. H. Perkins, J. P. precinct No. 2, H. C. Hubbs, J. P. precinct No. 3, C. L. Sledge, J. P. precinct No. 2, W. W. Slick, J. P. precinct No. 5, presented their reports which were approved.

Application of J. R. Williamson for relief from bond of S. H. Perkins, granted and new bond required of said Perkins. Approved with J. M. Turner and Roger Byrne as sureties.

Owen E. R. County Attorney and Jas. G. Buckley, County Clerk presented their accounts. Approved.

## LIST OF ROAD OVERSEERS.

Appointed at the February term of the Commission: Precinct No. 1—J. L. Owen, J. P. Kene, Jon Rales, J. J. Davis, Geo. Vay, Joe Edwards, Jon Rales, Geo. Kinnerman, J. H. Bessler, W. R. Kile, J. O'Connell, C. V. Marshall, W. W. Williams, G. W. Bress, H. J. Johnson, G. R. Capron, J. A. Neill, T. C. Wilson, J. D. Storey, Felix Driskill, Frank Herndon.

Precinct No. 2—J. O. Tally, P. Williams, S. J. Jackson, Joe Elliott, Joe Miller, J. H. Furgerson, W. L. Lock, W. McKelvey, W. E. Brown, W. Trice, W. Coffey, R. H. Hinkle, E. Kene, J. B. Bessett, A. Sance, W. H. Barlow, Wm. Kile, J. P. O'Neil, J. A. Armstrong, Joe Harrison, John Richards, J. A. Leach, E. Leibel, O. W. White.

Precinct No. 3—John Miller, J. P. Taylor, S. A. Turner, Wm. Bessett, O. W. White, Henry Eager, R. C. Lock, Dr. Crews, Ida Crapp, Wm. Garrett, Chas. Bester, Robt. Purley, J. S. Crum, Wm. Henson, J. C. Roberts.

Precinct No. 4—J. B. Taylor, Joe Pocket, Ship, Wm. J. A. Gray, Jas. Lawrence, Seth Ellis, W. E. Morris, A. E. Kene, J. W. Henson, J. C. P. O'Connell, S. Purley, J. A. P. Thomas, James Daniel, W. C. McKella, A. H. Everett.

We believe there were services at all our churches on last Sunday.

See notice of B. L. Brown, Esq., real estate loan agent, Austin, Texas.

A full notice of the Bryan Cave is in type, but unavoidably deferred till our next.

A "Valentine party" was had at the residence of Mr. J. C. Rogers, on Monday night.

The weather still continues cool, for the most part, and regularly dry. The latter feature is becoming serious.

"Sunday Tidings" is the name of a new journalistic venture in Austin, by "Walkabout," late of the Statesman.

The Texas Price-Current, published in the interest of the Texas merchants, is a valuable monthly, recently started at Dallas.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. A. M. Young is sojourning at Sherman, Texas—health improved.

The favor of "Charon" unavoidably lies over till our next.

Uncle Billy Pitts has gone on a visit to Louisiana.

"Benzie Smith" re-appears in our columns, and in a new style. See our last page.

Mr. D. A. Porter, of Kyle, was in town to-day, and made us a pleasant call.

Dugger has just returned from a two weeks' visit to Arkansas.

The venerable Amariah Wilson is stopping at Salado, Bell county.

We had a call the other day from George Foster, an Englishman who has resided here since '68.

Mr. Micheau, a fly young representative of the Galveston News is looking after the "old dowagers" interests in this vicinity.

Rev. Mr. Harris, while chopping at his wood pile yesterday, was struck in the eye by a flying chip and severely hurt.

We learn that Mr. Birmingham of this vicinity planted ten acres of corn two weeks since.

Our young friend, Bascom Lyell, naturally seems deeply impressed by the great event of his life—a son born to his wife and name.

Mrs. Pulliam and her son, formerly of Lexington, Kentucky, later of Kansas City, are stopping at Mrs. Hook's for the benefit of the young man's health, and will probably remain some time.

Commissioner Lightfoot is suffering from an abscess on one of his hands, which has incapacitated him from active duty for several months.

Charley Seal, of Dripping Springs was in town last week and informed us of the marriage of Mr. Ed. Wallace and Miss Ada Crowh, highly esteemed young people of that neighborhood. "Cess to 'em."

The "Hermitage" was favored on Tuesday night with a serenade from stringed instruments which was above the average. We learn the musicians were transient Italians.

A stranger fell in a fit on the street near Hoffmeyer Hotel on yesterday evening. He was kindly cared for by Mr. Marks. He said he was subject to such attacks, and had been put off the train here because he could not pay his way further.

The surprising news of the advent of several babies in our town has reached us. Our venerable friend Dr. Woods, led off and is followed by a considerable crowd of his juniors. We suppose they consider it safe and proper to follow the lead of the old confederate commander.

Mrs. W. M. McCorkle, of South Boston, Va., a sister of our townsman, Mr. T. R. Fourcurean, arrived Friday evening last, bringing with her the two younger children of Mr. F. So the family are happily united, and the beautiful new home, Mr. Fourcurean hopes his sister and her family may like this locality so well as also to settle here.

According to previous announcement, Uncle Dan, Rice, the ex-circus clown, lectured at this place, in the Court House, on Saturday night. In consequence of the heavy rain, the lecture was postponed, and he and his long and varied experience, at home and abroad, his lecture was quite interesting. We noticed however, that the ruling passion was still strong, and he proved himself an artful dodger and trumper, in order as nearly as possible to please all his hearers.

Our sunset was brightened on Friday by a pleasant call from three very interesting and agreeable young ladies, viz: Miss Nellie Evans, of Davenport, Texas, Miss Georgie Coleman, who has spent most of the winter, to her great improvement in health, at Sabinal Canyon, and Miss Minnie Hawk, of our own town. They were chaperoned on this occasion by our good friend Miss Russell, to whom we shrewdly surmise, we were mainly indebted for their call. We are always glad to receive visits from our lady friends, and to show them through the printing department.

Rev. Dr. Dahney, a veteran preacher and author of the Southern Presbyterian church, filled Mr. French's pulpit in this place on Sunday. His sermon was in vindication of the vicarious atonement, the orthodox view of which he manfully sustained, showing himself to be a learned, logical and forcible speaker. He spoke at night at the Methodist church. We see it announced that the committee of publication of his church at Richmond, Va., are proposing to publish his writings in four large volumes, the contents of which indicate great labor and research. Dr. Dahney is a most capable member of the faculty of our State University.

## Supper To-morrow Night.

At the "Blue Front" at Kyle. Given by the ladies for the benefit of the Presbyterian church fund. Everybody invited. To-morrow night, Friday, Feb. 19.

The new street and road leading south from the west side of the town, and being opened, and will be a great addition to the general progress of town and country.

Our terms for announcing candidates are: \$1 for state and district office, \$5 for county office, and \$25 for precinct and municipal. Terms cash.

Mr. Billings, the author of the letter on our second page, is the same to whom gifted pen this community is so much indebted for the best description of the San Marcos river springs which has yet appeared.

Since the 1st inst. marriage licenses have been issued to: Alvie Hawkins, R. A. Booth. Logan Howell, Susan Thompson. And two Mexican couples.

If you want a nice little magazine for the smaller children, send for "Our Little Ones and the Nursery." It is a monthly publication, beautifully illustrated, and well adapted to the minds of the little folks. Send 15 cents for a specimen copy. Address Russell Publishing Co., 35 Broomfield St., Boston, Mass.

As will be seen, Mr. Geo. Dugger has gone into the grocery business at the late stand of James Taylor. He will thus be enabled to remain at home, which we should think would be most agreeable. And his long and wide experience will make him an important factor in the business and prosperity of San Marcos.

St. Valentine's came this year on Sunday, so the interest was not so conspicuous as usual, but we learn was not the least real. The venerable saint of the Free Press was remembered with just the nicest and sweetest thing in the good saint's entire outfit (as we Texans say). With thanks we applaud the good taste of the fair donors.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of our Summer Institute on yesterday, the use of the grounds was tendered to the State Sunday School Convention, Aug. 3, 4 and 5. A committee of four was appointed to prepare plans and raise means for building the proposed pavilion. The estimated size is 60x100 feet, to cost 2,000 per cent, and cost \$200.

LITERARY LIFE for February is received, the popular illustrated Monthly of Chicago, issued by the Elder Publishing Company. It opens with a portrait and biographical sketch of Mrs. Frank Leslie, and is readable throughout. The present number begins with Vol. V, and is a good time to subscribe. We should be pleased to order for any of our friends.

## HAWKES' New Crystalized LENSES.



## MOST BRILLIANT AND PERFECT LENSES IN THE WORLD.

COMBINED WITH GREAT REFRACTING POWER. THEY ARE AS TRANSPARENT AND COLORLESS AS LIGHT ITSELF.

And for softness and comfort to the eye can not be excelled. Enabling the wearer to read for hours without fatigue. They are perfect.

SIGHT PRESERVERS! Testimonials from the leading physicians in the United States, Governors, Senators and Legislators, Stockmen, men of note in the professions and in different branches of trade, bankers, merchants, etc., can be given who had their sight improved by their use.

And Wonderful as it may seem, many of whom have had their sight restored and can now see without the use of glasses as will be seen from the following testimonials:

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HAWKES' PATENT EXTENSION SPRING EYE-GLASSES.

THE FINEST IN EXISTENCE AND ARE recommended by the medical faculty throughout the United States, as the best for curing irritation, No danger of cancer that is sometimes the result of wearing other eye-glasses, resting with ease upon any nose.

## THESE NEW GLASSES ARE SUPERIOR TO ANY OTHERS IN USE.

Constructed in accordance with the science and philosophy of nature, admirably adapted to the organs of sight, and perfectly natural to the eye, affording altogether the best artificial help to human vision ever invented.

THEY CAN BE WORN WITH PERFECT EASE for any length of time at one sitting, giving a constant degree of vision, by means of other artificial light and comfort to the spectacle wearer without undue exertion.

## WEAK EYES.

Persons suffering from weak eyes arising from nervous debility, or from any other cause, either in youth or middle age, will find great relief by using HAWKES' Crystalized Lenses.

From the most eminent men in the country can be given who have been cured by their use.

ONE FROM THE GREAT REVIVALIST, W. E. PENN.

Mr. A. K. HAWKES: Dear Sir—I take great pleasure in saying that having worn your new crystalized lenses for nearly two years, I have been able to do my work with ease and comfort. At the same time, my sight is greatly improved. W. E. PENN.

FROM A LARGER BUSINESS HOUSE IN NEW YORK CITY.

NEW YORK, April 7, 1884.

Mr. A. K. HAWKES: Dear Sir—Your patent eye-glasses and crystalized lenses received, some time ago, and I have been using them with the greatest ease and comfort. I have discarded my old glasses and am now wearing your crystalized lenses. ALEXANDER ADAMS, Black Book Manfr. and Sec'y Stationer's Board of Trade.

Anstin, Texas, March 3, 1881.

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